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1. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DAIL /THE GHANAIAI TIMES/ FOR
FRIDAY AUGUST 25 RAN EDITORIAL UNDER HEAD "U.S. SHIES AWAY?"
FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL FOLLOWS:
 2. "A GROUP OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE
'CONDEMNED THE REFUSAL OF THE US ADMINISTRATION TO ATTEND THE
WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION'
CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA.
 3. "THE GROUP, OF BLACK MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS, REPORTEDLY
FEARED THAT THE FAILURE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE WOULD
'INEVITABLY POSE THE SERIOUS QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION.'
 4. "OF COURSE, THE PARADOX IS UNSAVOURY: AN ADMINISTRATION
THAT PROFFESSES A STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE A SPEARHEAD OF
ITS FOREIGN POLICY THRUST LOOKS FUNNY SHUNNING A CONFERENCE
DEVOTED TO A BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION -- RACISM.
 5. "THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE REASONS BEHIND THE US ADMINISTRATION'S
OPPOSITION TO THE CONFERENCE. THE FEAR OF HEARING
ZIONISM ONCE AGAIN DESCRIBED AS RACISM IS UNPALATABLE TO THE
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- ADMINISTRATION.
6. "THE FEAR OF HEARING THE PLIGHT OF THE US NATIONAL MINORITIES
DESCRIBED AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS A PROPOSITION THE
US ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT LIKE TO FACE.
 7. "THERE COULD ALSO BE THE FEAR THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD

PROVIDE A FAIR INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE CARTER HUMAN RIGHTS AGGESSION TO FIGHT BACK -- A PLATFORM THAT WOULD PROVIDE A FAIRER CHANCE FOR THE VICTIMS TO FIGHT BACK THAN THE ONE-SIDED WESTERN WORLD SMEAR CAMPAIGN BEING CONDUCTED BY THY US MAINLY AGAINST THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS.

8. "IT IS ALREADY UNFORTUNATE THAT THE US HAS NOT RATIFIED THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. BUT A US BOYCOTT OF THE CONFERENCE GOING ON IN GENEVA ON RACISM COULD SERIOUSLY HARM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN." MOORE

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